

NEWS RELEASE

Oct. 6, 2009

ABIA Media Contact: Jonathan Snowling

(202) 663-5468

E-mail: jsnowlin@aba.com

ABIA ELECTS 2009-2011 BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS

WASHINGTON—The American Bankers Insurance Association elected 15 members to its board of directors during the association's annual conference this week in Washington.

"We are delighted to have such a capable and prestigious group serving as our board of directors, said Valerie Barton, executive director of ABIA. "The involvement of our highly experienced and dedicated board of directors provides crucial guidance towards fulfilling our mission and responding to our members."

ABIA's mission is to develop policy and provide advocacy for banks in insurance and support bank-insurance operations through research, education, compliance assistance and peer-group opportunities. A separately chartered affiliate of the American Bankers Association, ABIA is the only full-service association for bank-insurance interests based in Washington.

Board members elected today include:

- Neal R. Aton, president and CEO, Wells Fargo Insurance;
- William M. Bohn, president and CEO, Associated Financial Group;
- Peter Dunlap, president, Huntington Insurance;
- Andrea Holder, CFO, BB&T Insurance Services Inc.;
- Markham R. McKnight, president, Bancorp South Insurance Services Inc.;
- J. Keith Pellerin, consumer insurance products executive, Bank of America;
- Joseph R. Teresi, CEO, First Niagara Risk Management;
- H. McCall Wilson Jr., president and CEO, Bank of Fayette County;
- Theodore P. Augustinos, partner, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge;
- Manny Becerra, president DFS and wireless, Assurant Solutions;
- John Bruder, senior vice president, Securian Financial Group;
- Wayne Conte, executive VP, Affinion Group;
- William Keeler, president and CEO, WNC Insurance Services Inc.;
- John M. Wepler, president, MarshBerry and Company Inc.; and
- Steve Turkiewicz, president and CEO, Montana Bankers Association.

In addition, the ABIA board of directors, convening immediately after its conference, elected these officers:

- President and Chairman - Paul Petrylak, president, CIT Insurance Services;
- Vice President - Thomas Anderson, president BW Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Secretary - John Bruder, senior vice president, Securian; and
- Treasurer - Neal R. Aton, president and CEO, Wells Fargo Insurance.

The ABIA was created in 2001 through the combination of the American Bankers Association Insurance Association and the Association of Banks-in-Insurance. ABIA is a separately chartered affiliate of the American Bankers Association and is the only Washington, D.C. based full-service association for bank-insurance interests. ABIA can be found on the Internet at <http://www.theabia.com>.

#